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# CYCLE SYSTEM SPREADS IN USSR COAL MINES

In August, 170 mine faces in the Stalino area were converted to a cycle work schedule with the goal of one complete cycle each 24 hours (1), of which 87 belonged to the Artemugol' Combine and 83 to the Stalinugol' Combine. Only 33-35 mine faces in the former group completed one cycle each 24 hours during August and, in the latter group, an average of 36 mine faces were keeping to the schedule during the first 10 days of August, 33 during the second 10 days, and only 30 in the last 10 days. (2)

Particular success was achieved by the first section of the Rumantsev Mine of the Artemugol' Combine in the completion of the 32 cycles during August and in the fulfillment of the plan for coal output 127.5 percent and the plan for labor productivity 135 percent.(1) The daily output of this section increased 100 tons and the miners delivered five trainloads of above-plan coal.(2)

The 120-meter-long, twelfth northern face of the Sofiya Mine of the Makeyevugol' Trust completed 31 cycles during August. The average daily coal output rose from 194 tons, before the adoption of the cycle method, to 245 tons in August. The productivity of the cutting machine increased from 5,831 tons per month to 7,595 tons and labor productivity per worker at the mine face rose from 76.4 tons per month to 94.9 tons. Prior to August, 15-20 percent of the workers failed to fulfill their norms because of inadequate development work and short supply of empty cars. During August, each of the 80 workers at the mine face at least met his quota. In fact, the average fulfillment for the group was 120 percent.

The Sofiya Mine has now converted a second mine face, 190 meters long, to the cycle schedule. Starting 1 October, a third mine face will operate on this schedule. Conversion of the three mine faces will increase the coal output from the mine 30 percent.(3)

The second northern face of Mine No 40 of the Krasnoarmeyskugol' Trust has been converted to the cycle schedule and is yielding an average of 224 tons of coal daily instead of the planned 170 tons. Thirty cycles were completed during August at the mine face and the monthly output was 2,078 tons above the plan. During August, Mine No 40 as a whole delivered 4,300 tons of above-plan coal. (2)

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The cycle schedule is also being successfully introduced in the Chistyakovantratsit Trust. Mines No 3-bis and No 8-bis have been completely converted to this type of operation. Miners of the trust have delivered the last tons of coal on their 5-year quotas. In September 1950, the average daily output was considerably higher than in the first year of the Five-Year Plan. Forty percent of the coal produced in mines of the Chistyakovantratsit Trust is mined by combine. At mines No 3-bis and No 8-bis, combines are in operation at all mine faces without exception.(4)

Nikanor Mine of the Voroshilovgradugol' Trust, one of the largest mines in Voroshilovgrad Oblast, has completed the Five-Year Plan. The coal output has doubled as compared with the prewar period. Two-thirds of the coal now being produced at the mine is removed with the aid of Donbass combines.(5)

The Moskvougol' Combine completed the 9-month plan for coal output in the second snift on 26 September. The average daily coal output was 11.5 percent higher than in the same period of 1949.(6) On 24 September, miners of Mine No 22, the largest mine in the Moscow Basin, began delivering coal on their October quotas, and the daily coal output was 19 percent higher than in the same period of 1949.(7)

The Karagandaugol' Combine has fulfilled the coal-output plan for three quarters of 1950 ahead of schedule.(8) Nearly half of all the enterprises in the basin are already delivering coal on their October quotas. The Karagandauglerazrezy Trust is delivering coal above the 9-month plan. On 22 September, the Leninugol' Trust, the mines imeni Zhdanov, No 20-bis, No 33-34, and No 19 completed the plan for the first three quarters of 1950. The Mine imeni Zhdanov, the largest in the basin, has mechanized coal loading 50 percent, thus having freed hundreds of workers for other types of work.(9) Mine No 33-34 promised to deliver 25 trainloads of above-plan coal by 7 November, to complete the mechanization of coal loading, and to organize two sections on the new schedule of one cycle each 24 hours. During the first 20 days of September, workers of this mine delivered several trainloads of above-plan coal.(8) Miners of the second eastern section of Mine No 1 promised to mine by combine 5,400 tons of coal in July, that is, 300 tons above their progressive norms, and 6,000 tons in August. They have fulfilled their pledge and have delivered 1,400 tons of high-grade, above-plan coal. The shift output per worker rose from 7 tons in July to 10.5 tons in August. Operators of the combine raised the machine's daily output to 300 tons in August instead of the planned 170 tons.(10) Coal Pit No 4 of the Karagandaugol' Combine has achieved continuous preeminence in the All-Union Socialist competition for 1½ years. Pit workers completed the Five-Year Plan for volume of production 241 days ahead of schedule. During the postwar Five-Year Plan, this coal pit has given the country 10 million rubles of above-plan savings as a result of cutting down production costs.(11)

Sredazugol' Combine mines in the Kirgiz SSR and in the Tadzhik SSR are making a good showing at present. Kapital'naya Mine, one of the leading enterprises of the Kok-Yangakugol' Trust, in the Kirgiz SSR, completed the Five-Year Plan in December 1949 and has already delivered tens of thousands of tons of coal above the plan.(12) Mine No 40-bis of the same trust worked inefficiently during the first part of 1950 and owed the country more than 2,000 tons of coal for the first 6 months of the year. However, new measures starting in May resulted in exceeding the plan for development work in May and June. The working front was increased and in July the plan for coal output was fulfilled 103.2 percent. More than 1,000 tons of above-plan coal were extracted by this mine in August.(13) Kyzyl-Kiya Mine No 6, also in the Kirgiz SSR, is working on the cycle schedule. Coal is mined during two shifts and during the third, repair and development work are carried on. The mine, as a whole, is completing its quota 130 percent or more and section No 1 is completing its quota more than 160 percent. Komsomol'skaya Mine of the same trust went over to a cycle schedule in September and its coal output has doubled in comparison with August.(14) Stakhanovites of the Tadzhikugol' Trust coal mines have pledged 2½ times their quota each day and many of them are already fulfilling this obligation.(15)

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Twenty-five Kuzbass mines are already delivering coal on their October quotas. The Anzherskiy Mine, the oldest mine in the Kuzbass, completed the 9-month plan for coal output on 21 September and was the first in the basin to do so. Labor productivity in the mine is 20 percent higher than in 1949.(16)

The Cherekhovo Basin in Irkutsk Oblast is the scene of lively pre-October competition. Miners of the East Siberian coal fields are pledging tens of thousands of tons of above-plan coal by 7 November. Mine No 3 is preeminent in the competition. Completing the 9-month plan ahead of schedule, it has already produced several thousands of tons of coal on its October quota.(17)

Miners of the Primorskiy coal basin are fulfilling the obligations which they assumed in honor of the 33d anniversary of 7 November.(18) The Suchanugol' Trust, the outstanding trust in the basin, completed the 9-month plan for coal output and development work on 18 September. Mines of the trust are delivering 12 percent more coal daily than in 1949 and labor productivity is 22 percent higher. In Mine No 24, there is not a single miner who is not fulfilling his quota at least 120 percent.(19) Miners of the Artemugol' Trust Mine No 3-ts reported on 15 September that they had fulfilled the 9-month plan for coal output. The mine is at present producing 400 tons more of coal per day than during August.(18)

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